



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2005

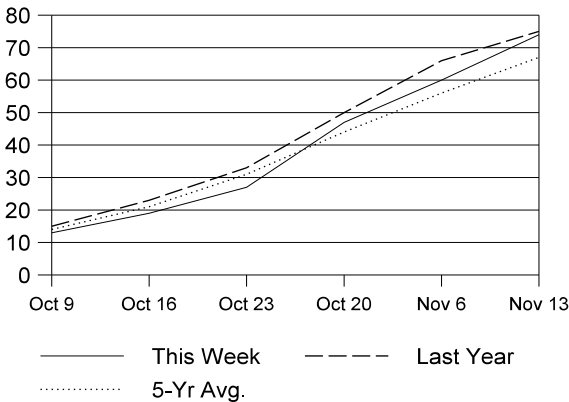
Warm weather and light precipitation contributed to ideal harvesting conditions for Virginia this week. The state was 5 degrees above normal for this time of year, with the average high at 77 degrees. There were occasional light showers throughout the week, contributing to an average of a quarter of an inch of total rain. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. For the most part, good progress was made harvesting soybeans and corn. Lack of grain elevator capacity has caused some slow down in the harvest, as well as some green leaves on the late crop soybeans. Barley and wheat plantings were well underway; farmers hoped for rain to assist the growth of their small grains. In some parts of the state, pasture condition have improved due to the recent rain. Meanwhile, in other regions of the state, pasture conditions worsened. Other farming activities included mowing weeds, cleaning up trash, applying lime, soil sampling, buying seeds, and hunting.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 9, 2005	37	28	24	11
October 16, 2005	15	21	54	10
October 23, 2005	22	20	44	14
October 30, 2005	16	21	54	9
November 6, 2005	9	27	63	1
November 13, 2005	13	33	53	1

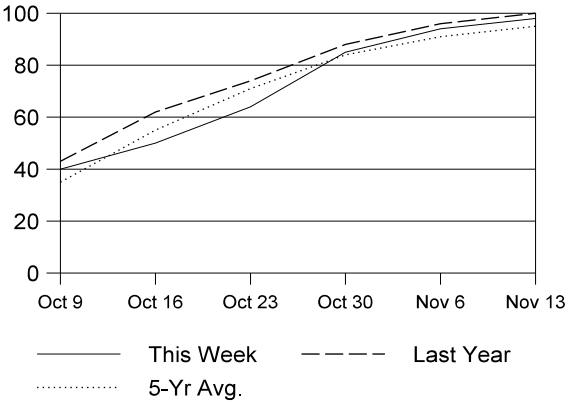
CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	14	30	36	19	1
Livestock	0	6	30	58	6
Hay, (other)	25	24	34	17	0
Hay, (alfalfa)	10	33	38	18	1

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from	54	62	NA	NA
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	28	32	NA	NA
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	62	63	NA	NA
Soybeans Harvested	71	57	59	62
Winter Wheat Seeded	74	60	75	67
Barley Seeded	98	94	100	95
Peanuts Combined	100	95	99	97
Cotton Harvested	76	63	71	71
Winter Apples Harvested	99	80	100	100

Winter Wheat Seeded



Barley Seeded



Weather Summary for the Week Ending November 13, 2005							
Weather Station	Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)				Precipitation (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	76	29	50	2	0.25	-0.41	2
The Plains	76	30	51	3	0.33	-0.51	2
Winchester 7 SE	77	27	50	5	0.21	-0.56	2
Dale Enterprise	75	26	49	3	0.40	-0.27	3
WESTERN							
Glasgow	80	29	52	5	0.36	-0.34	1
Roanoke AP	79	32	55	7	0.00	-0.77	0
Waynesboro	77	28	50	5	0.89	0.17	2
Staunton AG	72	33	52	7	0.00	-0.72	0
CENTRAL							
Somerset	76	29	52	4	0.40	-0.48	3
Piedmont Res ST	77	31	53	5	0.26	-0.62	1
Bremo Bluff	80	28	55	6	0.33	-0.48	2
Richmond AP	79	32	59	8	0.10	-0.67	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	74	38	58	5	0.38	-0.32	3
Wallops Island	72	32	56	3	0.17	-0.50	3
Williamsburg	77	34	57	5	0.34	-0.47	2
Keyville	80	29	56	7	0.02	-0.75	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	76	25	50	6	0.00	-0.70	0
Wytheville	73	23	48	5	0.16	-0.47	1
Saltville	74	25	50	4	0.41	-0.29	1
Richlands	73	22	48	8	0.10	-0.69	2
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	79	26	54	6	0.08	-0.76	1
Danville AG	82	30	55	4	0.10	-0.67	1
Chatham	79	24	52	4	0.26	-0.54	2
Martinsville	78	24	53	6	0.24	-0.53	2
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	79	36	59	6	0.26	-0.37	3
Oceana	80	35	59	4	0.19	-0.51	2
Emporia	81	31	56	7	0.10	-0.74	1
Newport News	79	33	59	6	0.23	-0.40	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.